

**City of Santa Barbara**  
**COVID-19 Business Advisory Task Force**  
**May 28, 2020 Meeting Summary**

- A majority of the Business Advisory Task Force members were able to join and participate in the meeting with City staff.
- Mayor Murillo opened the meeting recognizing the recent actions of Council and staff in relation to the outdoor dining effort and emergency order/ordinance.
- Nancy Anderson with the County provided an overview of the County's Reopening efforts in coordination with the state and county public health orders. She also highlighted the information and resources available on the County's website, and detailed the County's efforts to assist businesses as well as allow outdoor dining in unincorporated areas.
- City Administrator Paul Casey reviewed the timeline of the City's efforts, including the Council's authorization to implement the State St. closure and suspend the regulations related to outdoor dining throughout the City. He highlighted Council's adoption of the Emergency Economic Recovery Ordinance. He also reported positive feedback from businesses and the public regarding the State St. closure, and said the City would be modifying the operation as needed.
- Jason Harris with the City gave an overview of the committee's work, emphasizing the Task Force's recommendation to support foodservice businesses' expansion outdoors by suspending prohibitive regulations and allowing use of the public right of way and private property.
- Mr. Harris also stated that two Task Force recommendations to the City Council-- the top ten permitting plan-check process improvements, and the creation of an ad hoc committee to evaluate design review regulatory processes--were going to the Council on June 2nd as part of the Novak recommendations.
- The Mayor and Mr. Harris outlined the successful efforts of the Task Force, confirmed the ongoing work efforts to implement the outdoor dining initiative, and touched upon the frequency and continuance of future Task Force meetings.